

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE APPROPRIATORS AND WATER USERS ON THE MONTEZ CREEK STREAM, HELD IN ROOSEVELT, UTAH, DECEMBER 16, 1940.

A meeting of the appropriators and water users of the stream known as the Montez Creek was held in the Dry Gulch Irrigation Company office at Roosevelt, Utah, December 16, 1939.

PRESENT: There were present at the meeting: John H. Haslem and L. M. Angus, representing the Dry Gulch Irrigation Company interests; Earl Winn, representing the Bryant interests; Samuel Snyder and Thos. Silka, representing the Snyder interests and Ben G. Dye representing his own interests. All the filings on the stream were represented. A majority of the Water Users were present.

ELECTING CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY: John H. Haslem acted as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order and explained the purpose of the meeting. He explained that the need of a commissioner to distribute the waters in the Montez Creek stream had been felt for some time and that all of those interested in water filings on the streams, with the exception of the Bryant interests, had informally gotten together and decided to call the meeting to discuss the possibilities of securing a commissioner. L. M. Angus, Secretary of the Dry Gulch Irrigation Co. had been asked to notify each of the appropriators of the meeting. He had done this and each individual and company interested in the filings on the stream were notified.

Mr. Haslem announced that it would be necessary to elect a chairman and secretary of the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Dye that the rules be suspended and that L. M. Angus be elected chairman of the meeting by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snyder and a vote was taken showing unanimous in favor of Mr. Angus. Mr. Angus took the chair and called for nominations for a Secretary. Motion was made by Mr. Snyder that the rules likewise be suspended and that Mr. Haslem be elected Secretary by acclamation. Motion seconded by Mr. Silka and Mr. Haslem was declared Secretary by acclamation.

Mr. Angus explained that in order to have a water commissioner appointed by the State Engineer it was necessary to call a meeting of the appropriators, select a man for commissioner, agree upon a salary and outline a budget for the meeting of his salary and expenses. This order met with the approval of all present.

FIRST CHOICE FOR COMMISSIONER: The names of several men were suggested for commissioner and their qualifications discussed. Motion was made by Mr. Snyder that Clair Haslem be selected as first choice, and, provided he could accept the appointment (Mr. Haslem had previously agreed to accept the appointment if it met with the approval of the State Engineer and could be arranged with the Uintah Irrigation Project. Mr. Haslem is a ditchrider for the project and his system is in the same vicinity as that served by the filings on Montez Creek. He is in a very desirable position to handle the commissioner job but he did not know whether or not he would be allowed to take the job.) and his name submitted to the State Engineer and that he be paid a salary of \$40.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dye and carried with an unanimous vote.

SECOND CHOICE COMMISSIONER: Motion was made by Mr. Dye, that in the event Clair Haslem could not accept the appointment that the name of Ba A. Kimball be selected and his name submitted to the State Engineer, at the same salary. Mr. Kimball had previously agreed to accept the job in the event Mr. Haslem could not. The motion was seconded by Mr. Silka and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Dye and unanimously carried that the commissioner, when appointed by the State Engineer, be

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given full authority to distribute the water in the creek according to the priority of the filings, and as heretofore without measuring devices, but if any appropriator refuses to accept the judgment of the commissioner on measurements, then he, the appropriator, be required to construct his own measuring device.

ASSESSMENTS: Motion was made by Mr. Dye, seconded by Mr. Snyder and unanimously carried that each appropriator be assessed to pay the costs of a commissioner and that the bases be the second feet in the filings and not the proof acreage and that the commissioner be instructed, authorized and empowered to refuse to deliver water until assessments are paid and in full.

The chair announced that it would be necessary to submit \$5.00 to send with the application to the State Engineer. Motion was made by Mr. Silka that the following amounts be assessed to meet this expense: Dry Gulch Irrigation Company \$2.90; Bryant interests \$1.42; Samuel Snyder interests, 5½ and Ben G. Dye 15¢. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snyder and carried.

The secretary was instructed to get application blanks from the State Engineer and that application be made for a commissioner in time to take care of the early spring water.

Motion was made by Mr. Dye, seconded by Mr. Snyder and carried that the chairman and secretary be authorized and empowered to execute the application blanks to the State Engineer for a commissioner and in all ways represent the water users and appropriators in securing a water commissioner.

ADJOURNED: The meeting was declared adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman, upon the motion of Mr. Dye which was duly seconded by Mr. Silka and carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest:

John W. Haslem  
Secretary

L. M. Angus  
Chairman



